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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RENDERS ET AL.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 November 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kohashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4030,813). In regard to independent claim 1, Kohashi et al. discloses an electrowetting module comprising a fluid chamber (**FIG. 2, FIG. 5, FIG. 10**) containing at least a first body of a first fluid (**160; FIG. 2**) and a second body of a second fluid (*e.g.* **air**) the two bodies being separated by an interface, and means (**120, 130; FIG. 2**) for exerting a force on at least one of the bodies to change the position and/or shape of the interface, characterized in that at least one of the fluids comprises a compound having at least one aromatic, non-fused, residue (col. 7, ln. 59 – col. 8, ln.18; examples). In regard to claims 2-7, Kohashi et al. discloses the representative compounds recited therein (col. 2, ln. 47-56; col. 7, ln. 59 – col. 8, ln.6 col. 7, ln. 59 – col. 8, ln.18; examples 1; examples). In regard to claims 8-12, Kohashi et al. discloses the refractive, electrical and mechanical features of the device structures recited therein (col. 2, ln. 37-66; col. 3, ln. 54 – col. 5, ln. 43; col. 8, ln. 7-18; examples). Claims 1-12 are therefore anticipated by Kohashi et al.

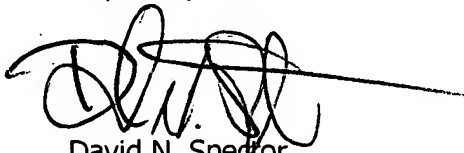
Other Remarks/Information

The International Search Report prepared for the parent (PCT/IB2004/050568) of the instant National Stage application has been reviewed and considered by the examiner.

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Any other inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David N. Spector whose telephone number is (571) 272-2338. The examiner can normally be reached at this number Monday through Friday between 6:00 AM and 2:30 PM. The Official FAX number for the United States Patent and Trademark Office is (571) 273-8300.

April 30, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. N. Spector', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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